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A Congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

# WELCOME TO REFORMATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Christ-centered · Gospel-driven · Kingdom-focused*

**How we worship:** Each church has its own worship style, but worship is more than style. It begins with a heart for God through faith in Christ. It is also a dialogue between God and his people; he speaks, and we respond. Finally, worship is defined by God, not our imaginations. All that we do in worship (e.g. singing, praying, affirming our faith, preaching, etc.) comes from God's word. He promises to meet with us as we praise him in these ways.

**Call to worship:** God calls his people into his holy and loving presence in worship. As we worship we are blessed with the joy of the Lord. Today he graciously invites all people to worship through faith in Christ.

## PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Matt Lucas

### MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

#### CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 27:1, 8

Elder Michael Rhodes

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

You have said, "Seek my face."

My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." (ESV)

#### HYMN OF ADORATION — *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Trinity Hymnal #100

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### LORD'S PRAYER — Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

### AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH — *Westminster Larger Catechism* #74

Elder: What does it mean that Christians have been adopted by God?

People: **Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of his children, have his name put upon them, the Spirit of his Son given to them, are under his fatherly care and dispensations, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises, and fellow heirs with Christ in glory.**

### Prayer of invocation:

Invocation means “to call upon.” Even as God calls us to worship, we call upon God to fill our hearts with his Spirit to assure us that we belong to him and to help us worship him in Spirit and truth.

### Affirmation of our faith:

Believing God’s truth sets us free from the lies of Satan, the world, and our sinful hearts. We affirm our faith in the truth each Sunday in order to worship God, strengthen our faith, and encourage one another.

### **Worship through singing:**

God delights in hearing his people sing. As we sing our faith, we give praise to God and he transforms our hearts so that we are more like His Son.

**Call to renewal:** God calls his people to renew their commitment to him as he renews his commitment to us. Through his word, the sin that we hide is exposed, not to shame us, but to lead us to repentance so that we can be forgiven. With grateful hearts, we receive instruction in the way of righteousness.

**Confession of sin:** Our sin isn't just about breaking rules, it's about hurting our relationship with a loving God who gave up his Son to save us. Grace softens our hard hearts so that we freely confess our sins during a time of silent confession. We also confess our sins together as the people of God have always done in worship.

## **RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *His Mercy Is More* (vv. 1-2)**

Words and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

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What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

*Chorus:*

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more. (*Chorus*)

## **CALL TO RENEWAL — I John 1:5-7**

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. (ESV)

## **SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

God,

In you there is no darkness at all. Please forgive the ways we walk in darkness. Forgive our dark thoughts, words, and actions. Help us to walk in the light as you are in the light. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE — 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (ESV)

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Jesus, I Come* (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Words by William True Sleeper | Music by Greg Thompson

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Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into joyful psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Matt Lucas

**Words of assurance:** God uses his word to convict our conscience of sin, but he also assures us that we are forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ and dearly loved.

### Children's Sermon:

Please come forward for the children's sermon as we sing the last verse of the hymn. The children's sermon makes the Bible accessible to young children.

**Parents:** You are welcome to accompany your child to the front. Afterward, children 2-3 years of age may be dismissed to the nursery. Please gather in the narthex, and a deacon will lead you to the nursery.

**Doxology:** Doxology means “praise.” We praise God because of his generosity to us.

**Sermon:** The Bible teaches us how to know Jesus and experience his saving work. The sermon is for proclaiming Jesus and how we can trust in him for salvation and live for his glory. For those who receive the Bible as the word of God, it is profitable to teach us, rebuke our sins, build us up in his grace, and train us in righteousness.

Sermons available at  
[www.refpres.org](http://www.refpres.org)

## CHILDREN’S HYMN — *Here I Am to Worship* (v. 1)

Words | Music: Tim Hughes

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Light of the world,  
You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

*Chorus:*

So, here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
And You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

## PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### SERMON — *"The Light in the Darkness"*

Rev. Matt Lucas

John 1:4-13

[4] In him was life, and the life was the light of men. [5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. [6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. [7] He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. [8] He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. [9] The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. [10] He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. [11] He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. [12] But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, [13] who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (ESV)

## SERMON OUTLINE

The life of Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness. To escape the darkness, we must receive his light.

1. Jesus overcomes the darkness with his light.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Jesus welcomes us into God's family of light.
  - a. He gives us the right to become children of God.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. He gives us rebirth as children of God.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Jesus makes us witnesses to his light.

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## HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *Be Thou My Vision*

Trinity Hymnal #642 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## BENEDICTION

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *All Glory Be to Christ* (v. 3)

Words | Arrangement: Dustin Kensrue (vv. 2, 3)

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When on the day the great I Am,  
The faithful and the true,  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain,  
Is making all things new.  
Behold, our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light.  
And we shall e'er his people be;  
All glory be to Christ!

*Chorus:*  
All glory be to Christ our king!  
All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,  
All glory be to Christ!

## POSTLUDE

**Benediction:** A benediction is not a prayer, but a pronouncement from God of his blessing and approval. God sends his people out to live in the strength of his blessing upon our lives.

## GET CONNECTED

### Next Step

NEXT STEP is for those who want to learn more about RPC. We gather on Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday mornings to talk about our vision, beliefs, and ministries. Participating in NEXT STEP does not require you to become a member of RPC, but may help in making an informed decision about membership.

### Sunday School

Classes at Kirkside Hall (brick building next door), 9:30 am; nursery provided

Adult: *God's Ways with His People* - Pastor Matt Lucas

Children: *The Gospel Story* - Nancy George and Sarah De Hoog, Sallye Lucas and Marie Pender, Crystal Goldsmith and Jeremy Maestro

Middle School: *God for Us: An Introduction to Covenant Theology* - Austin Bollinger

Classes at Sanctuary in the basement, 9:30 am

High School: *The Book of Job* - Pastor Zack Keuthan

### Community Groups

Weekly small group Bible studies in church members' homes.

Sundays – Boyd Drive, 5:00 pm - Contact: John Gates at 907.244.7709

Mondays – Flat Rock, 6:30 pm - Contact: Glen Reid, 828.393.5004

Tuesdays – Kirkside Hall, 4:00 pm - Contact: David Taylor, 757.375.5062

Wednesdays – Sylvan Heights, 6:15 pm - Contact: Zack Keuthan, 828.702.6807

Fridays (1st & 3rd) – Olde Chanteloup Ct, 6:00 pm - Contact: Levi Friedly at 720.618.3533

### Ways to Serve

Men, you can serve at RPC by being an usher during worship service. Please contact Mark Dugle at 828.707.4839 for more information.

### Additional Connections this Week

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| <b>Today</b>    | <b>5:00 pm</b> Youth Group & SNL                                   |
| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>4:00 pm</b> Session Meeting<br><b>6:00 pm</b> Diaconate Meeting |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>9:00 am</b> First Presbytery Meeting                            |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>8:00 am</b> Men's Prayer Group                                  |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Congregational Safety Awareness Meeting is today in the sanctuary following worship. It will last approximately 20 minutes. We will be discussing safety and security protocols in certain events and situations. All members and visitors are encouraged to attend.
2. First Presbytery will meet in the sanctuary and Kirkside Hall on Tuesday, October 12.
3. Register today for our Women's Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 23, from 3:30-5:30 pm in Kirkside Hall. Sign up online at [refpres.org/women](http://refpres.org/women) or on the signup sheet in the Narthex. Childcare provided. We will be gathering around a charcuterie table and listening to Rebekah Carson, our missionary to Germany, speak about finding joy.

## WORSHIP NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

### October 10

Babies.....Jim & Margaret Miller  
Walkers.....Tom & Sue Shoger & Vardry Pender

### October 17

Babies.....Myra Johnson & Eddy & Marty Reed  
Walkers.....Lou Ann Aheron & Gracie Coe

## USHERS

### October

Mark Goldsmith, Charlie Johnson,  
Jerry Knight

Valet Parking is available between  
10:15 - 10:40 am

Today's flowers are given in celebration of God's faithfulness to Reformation Church for the past 23 years.

## GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering plate)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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RSVP to NEXT STEP

I am visiting today

### I'D LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

ARP Denomination

Baptism

Children's Ministry

Community Groups

Membership

Men's Ministry

Missions/Outreach

Music Ministry

Women's Ministry

Youth Ministry

Receive a call from a pastor

## COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

(Continue on the back)

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## OFFICERS

### Session Members

John Gates  
Skip Goldsmith  
Rev. Zack Keuthan  
Rev. Matt Lucas  
Michael Rhodes  
Joseph Warren

### Diaconate Members

Doug Dolan  
Mark Dugle  
Carlos Galvan  
Phil Hanna  
Kevin Keyzer  
**Bill Mitchell**  
Bill O'Brien  
Andrew Riddle  
Robin Troy

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## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Senior Pastor ..... Rev. Matt Lucas  
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